

## Dates for your Diary

28 Oct Service of memories  
31 Oct MU meeting  
02 Nov BGWM meeting

## Vacancy Update

Thank you to all those who are continuing to pray for the recruitment of a new Rector for our Benefice. Based on the very limited response received to our first round of advertising we have taken the decision to readvertise the post. The timetable for this is not clear at the moment but we hope to interview in December, and will update you when we have more information. Please keep your Parish Representatives (Angie, David, Derek, Jeremy, Peter and Michael) in your prayers as they work through the process on behalf of us all. We know that God has a plan for us and His timing is best! Please do keep praying!

### Service of Memories, 3pm, Sunday 28th October in St Mary's

If you would like to have a name(s) read out at this service and you are able to be there, would you add your name and the name(s) you wish to be read to the list at the back of each of our churches.

This is a special occasion to remember loved ones no longer with us and there will be a chance to light a candle, if you wish.

It is our prayer that this will bring you strength and comfort.

### Little Munden Calendars

All Saints members are selling 2019 calendars with photos taken locally. They're priced £5 each and are available in All Saints or from any member of The Mundens PCC.

### Operation Christmas Child

Lizzy's living room is steadily filling up with wrapped and packed shoeboxes! There are several ways in which you can be involved, if you would like to.

1. Pack a whole box. Leaflets detailing how to pack a box, what to put in and what is not allowed, and details of how to pay for transport costs, are available at the back of our churches.

2. Donate items for Lizzy to pack. These can be given to any member of the Franks family, and a box for donations of gifts is at the back of St Mary's.

3. Donate towards transport costs. Each box costs £5 to transport. Please give any donations to Lizzy. Extra cash given to her will be used to buy more things for boxes! Thank you as always for your support.

### Giving to St Mary's by text message

It is now possible to give to St Mary's by text message! More and more churches are using this as a method of receiving donations and we hope and pray that it will allow more people who would like to give, but don't have cash, to contribute to the life of our church. To give, text SMCS01 £2/£5/£10 to 70070.

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**Please take this notice sheet home with you. If you know of someone who is unable to be here today, please take a spare one for him or her.**

Please contact Caroline Franks (telephone 01920 822723 or e-mail [caroline.franks@rf152.co.uk](mailto:caroline.franks@rf152.co.uk)) with any items for the next notices sheet.

## The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe Notices Sheet - 14th October 2018

Welcome to our service today. We welcome Rev Janet Pratt, who will lead our 10.45 service in St Mary's. Rev Dave Brown will lead at St Catherine's on Tuesday, and Rev Steve Bates in St Mary's on Wednesday.

Our readings this morning are:

Hebrews 4:12-end (p 1203) Mark 10:17-31 (p 1014)

### Notices for the coming week

Prayers are said in St. Mary's at 9.15 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and in All Saints on Thursdays. You are very welcome to join us. All of our churches are open for private prayer during daylight hours.

Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare
Monday, 7.30 pm	Standing committee meeting - The Old Top Shop
Tuesday, 9.30 am	Holy communion - St Catherine's
Tuesday, 7.45 pm	Oasis - St Mary's
Wednesday, 9.15 am	Holy communion - St Mary's
Wednesday, 3.00 pm	Little Munden café - All Saints
Wednesday, 6.30 pm	Young people's discipleship group - All Saints
Thursday, 7.30 pm	Standon finance committee meeting - The Old Top Shop
Thursday, 12.00 noon	Dane End Village Lunch - Memorial Hall
Thursday, 7.00 pm	Choir practice - St Mary's
Friday, 1.30 pm	Funeral of Geoff Bray - All Saints
Saturday, from 12.00	Lunchtime concert in St Mary's
Sunday, 8.00 am	United Holy communion - All Saints
Sunday, 10.45 am	United worship - St Mary's
Sunday, 4.30 pm	Village Youth Club - Community Centre
Sunday, 4.45 pm	St Mary's at the School - Roger de Clare

### Oasis this Tuesday

On Tuesday 16th October at 7pm in St Mary's the Oasis Ladies group invite you to join them for a Prayer and Praise Evening. All are welcome. We will worship and have a time of praying for God's guidance during this time of vacancy. The evening will conclude with a light supper at 9pm for those who would like to stay. Please speak to Debbie Davies, Cathy Lunt or Debi Parkins if you would like to know more.

**Please note that we ask you not to take photographs or video recordings, whether on cameras or phones, during any of our benefice services.**

### Telephone numbers:

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### **Lunchtime Concerts 2018 - Saturdays at 12.30 - St Marys Church**

This season's concerts are now underway. The remaining concert is:

October 20 'MISSING PEACE' - a jazz cantata for children composed by Jonathan Smith with lyrics by Marion Smith, performed by pupils from Roger de Clare, Little Munden and Edwinstree Schools.

Concerts last approximately 45 minutes. Lunch (soup, bread and cheese) available from 12.00. Suggested donation £4 to cover costs of lunch, plus retiring collection.

### **Riding Lights come to Bishop's Stortford 10th November**

Riding Lights Theatre Company is bringing its production of Gospel Street to the Charis Centre on 10th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from 01904 613000 or 07852 287631, or online at [ridinglights.org.gospel](http://ridinglights.org.gospel).

## **For your Prayers**

As a church family, we pray regularly for each other and for our world. On this sheet, we suggest focus points for prayer for each week.

These suggestions are not exclusive. Please continue to pray for the work of our churches and for those who have been listed on previous sheets.

### **Praise God**

Praise God for those who work in the mission field. As we welcomed Andrew Ellis this week, and as we continue to pray for our missionary partners, thank God for the work they do, bringing his love and the Good News of salvation to places where it is desperately needed.

### **Pray for our world**

David and Shelley Stokes - Northern Argentina:

The Diocese was shocked by the sudden death of Bishop Urbano Duarte at nearly 68. In his short time as Bishop he had visited actively, was a man of peace, and become a father to many. He will be much missed by the churches, especially by the other bishops, and by his home church. Do pray for his widow and family, and for wisdom for the local church. The August synod was good, with careful discussions of the various resolutions and challenges facing the churches. The new Diocesan Council has met (in the shadow of Urbano's death), and various working groups are to be set up, all needing prayer. The pastoral group overseeing the indigenous churches needs to be made more effective, overcoming misunderstandings over ordinations. The great concern is over the future leadership and shape of the Diocese after the departure of Diocesan Bishop Nick in a few years' time. A new Argentine bishop could be indigenous or non-indigenous. David and Shelley are well but find the present situation emotionally tiring. Shelley's brother-in-law is being treated for cancer, and she will spend two weeks in the US to support the family. They request prayer particularly for resilience, and send their thanks and love.

The Fry Family of Trans World Radio, spreading the Gospel by means of broadcasting, ask particularly for prayer at a time of change.

### **Pray for our community**

Pray for those who attend our monthly village lunches in Dane End. Thank God for those who cook and serve; who organise the lunch each month; set out and put away

tables; wash up and launder the cloths. As we continue to reach out to our community in many ways, pray that we will help more people to find Jesus.

### **Pray for our benefice**

Pray for all who undertake the many tasks necessary for our churches to run. Away from the frontline evangelising, pray for our churchwardens, who bear a huge burden of responsibility, especially during a vacancy. Pray for our secretaries; for our treasurers as they work at this time of year on the budget for next year; for our administrator; for those who fill and return forms required by the Diocese, the Charity Commissioners and many others. Thank God for those who carry out these many jobs.

### **A Prayer to use During our Vacancy**

*Please use this prayer in your personal prayer time and in any groups you attend.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of Alan, our previous Rector, and we pray your presence and blessing upon him.

We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow this benefice as we serve you together in this period without a Rector.

Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

### **Pray for those in pain of mind or body**

Please pray for all in our community who are sick or sad, including those who have been listed recently.

Peter Aknai is now participating in a trial of a new treatment for recurrence of prostate cancer at Mount Vernon Hospital. He would be very grateful for prayer for the medical experts and all concerned, as this procedure could benefit many patients. Please pray for Peter as he receives this treatment.

Pray for all who grieve at this time. Pray especially for Jacky and all Geoff's family and friends, and for Jenny and all who mourn John Scrope, and for family and friends of Doris Spearman and Tony Savile.

**If you are aware of anyone who would like our prayers, or would like the church family to share in some news, good or bad, please let Caroline know. Please pass on any news, too, about those for whom we are praying.**

### **Geoff's Funeral 19th October, 1.30 pm**

Geoff Bray's Funeral will be at 1.30 pm at All Saints Church, Little Munden, followed by a reception at The Cobbold Barn, Knebworth Barns (SG1 2AX). The family requests family flowers only, but details of two charities will be on the service sheet if you wish to donate.

If you are hoping to attend the church and/or the reception Jacky would be grateful if you could let her know **by the end of today** ([jacky.bray@ntlworld.com](mailto:jacky.bray@ntlworld.com)) for catering numbers at the reception.